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Title: Flat Sealing Material in the Form of a)
Reinforced Composite Film)

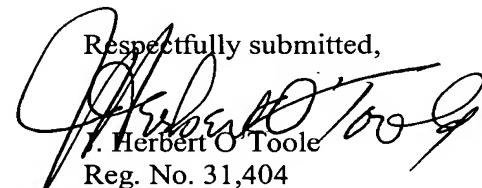
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above captioned U.S. National Entry application, please enter the following amendments:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims commencing at page 2 of this paper.

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